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5. Although attendance at political indoctrination classes may ostensibly be voluntary, the names of those missing from the lectures are noted and sooner or later one must face the consequences, usually transfer to a lower paid job. Also, recruiting campaigns for various organizations are carried on by door to door canvassers on Sundays and many people join simply because they are afraid to refuse and because they think they will be able to have a little peace afterwards. But once they have joined they must attend meetings and various other activities. If they do not they are publicly reprimanded and even expelled.
6. Party members and functionaries have a number of privileges which ordinary workmen can see. In the factories they are usually assigned to work which is highly paid and even if they do the same work as others they receive higher wages. In some factories this has been brought up at workers' meetings. Workers demanded that the management publish the wages of all employees, but the party representatives advised against it. Promotions to better jobs are also more frequent among the Party members than among non-members.
7. The housing shortage is not as severe in border areas as it is farther inland. Rent for two or three-room apartments is 200 to 500 Kcs. per month. Buildings which have not been occupied since 1945, when the Germans left, have deteriorated and are practically uninhabitable. Very few repairs have been made since 1945 because of the shortage of building materials and labor.
8. The shortage of medical supplies is still very severe. Doctors usually prescribe two or three alternative medicines and the patient even then has to try several pharmacies before he is able to get one of them. The shortage of beds in hospitals is acute and in some hospitals two patients have to share one bed. Patients are also released too soon from the hospitals in order to make room for others. Medical supplies go first to the factories and then to the dealers selling to the general public. Even such ordinary medicines as aspirin and iodine are hard to obtain. As a result, the health of the population is deteriorating rapidly and epidemics usually result in a large number of deaths. Doctors in large factories are constantly being warned that absences due to illness must be reduced and consequently they are often afraid to send a sick person to the hospital.

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